

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Increasingly, the stories, ideas, and opinions of major media outlets do not reflect my reality and my life, or the lives of many people around me. The narrowing of perspectives that results from media consolidation means that I have less trust in news sources and less ability to cooperate with local media representatives in sharing stories and getting my voice heard.

Democracy and diversity are weakened when the media is controlled only by a few, mostly wealthy, people. The media ends up controlling the perceptions of the public to a much greater degree than it follows and reflects public perceptions.

Please insure that the airwaves and other arenas for public debate are reasonably accessible to a wide spectrum of the public.